

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/982,573

Applicant(s)

ALVE ET AL.

Examiner

David Y. Jung

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-13, 55-58 and 95-98.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 1/02;8/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***CLAIMS PRESENTED***

Claims 7-10, 11-13, 55-56, 57-58, 95-96, 97-98 remain.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

As suggested by Applicant (in record within file history):

Claims 1-6, 14-54, 59-94, 99-122 have been cancelled.

***FILE HISTORY***

Along with the other claims, the first US Patent Office Action rejected these claims 7-10, 11-13, 55-56, 57-58, 95-96, 97-98 under 35 U.S.C. 102. These particular claims were rejected as being unpatentable over US Patent 5265164 (Matyas et al.). After a restriction and election, these claims 7-10, 11-13, 55-56, 57-58, 95-96, 97-98 remain pending.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

All pending claims are allowed. Claims 7-10, 11-13, 55-56, 57-58, 95-96, 97-98 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments (which directly pointed out the particular features) overcome the prior art. Unlike the relied art of record (Matyas et al.), the claimed invention is directed to vouchers. The vouchers contain usage record. At the first device, any vouchers associated with the encrypted content is rendered unusable. Furthermore, as noted at pages 2-5 of the specification of this application, the claimed invention refers to the

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situation of controlled copying and moving of content between devices and domains.

An authorized device transfers content to another authorized device. The authorized device uses the content. Thus, the protected content is moved within the authorized domain. The claim language reflects these features. See, for illustration, pages 27-28 of the amendment of 11/3/2005. The prior art did not teach or suggest the particular features of the claims in the context of the other limitations of the claims.

### ***Conclusion***

#### ***Points of Contact***

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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**Or:**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Jacques Louis-Jacques whose telephone number is (571) 272-6962.

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Patent Examiner

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